

# NEWS MEDCO VIEWS

Vol. II No. 4

Published monthly for Medford Corporation Employees

March, 1964

## RETIREES TO FISH



Arthur Lindquist retired from the shipping department on February 28th to do some fishing which he says he has never had the time to do. Included in his plans is a trip to Florida to visit his sister.

Art was born in Sweden and came to the United States in 1916. It was thirty-five years ago, in 1929, when Art first started working at the Owen-Oregon Lumber Company, which as most of you know was the former owner of what is now Medford Corporation.

Arthur and his wife Grace make their home at 1906 Lynn Street in Medford where Art says he will be doing considerable gardening and work about the place.

They have two daughters, both married and living in Medford, but Art isn't a grandfather yet.

—

## QUIET BEFORE STORM

Best we watch those boys in the planing mill and shipping department . . . they are too quiet and seem never to have any news for the Editor. Some use the lame excuse that they are too old to be making trips and creating excitement but we expect them to come up with something really terrific in the near future.

## TREE PLANTING PROJECT



## MARKET NEWS

Ed Nave says the storms in the mid-west have slowed action but that we have enjoyed some good business since the last writing. He pointed out that when lumber can't be delivered to the job and there is snow on the ground . . . the dealers are not anxious to place orders for more lumber. Of course as soon as these yards have cleaned out their present inventory, they will be needing lumber and plywood fast which will open up markets for us.

The local weather and that throughout most of the western lumber producing area has halted logging in many areas which will serve to curtail production figures for many plants should it continue.

Ed says our order file is in good shape, we can fill most all the orders we have and have not had orders held because of the weather conditions

"Red" Thomas inspects the roots of some trees on the truck bound for Butte Falls as part of the planting program of your company. This load consists of 100,000 three-year-old Ponderosa Pine seedlings, half of the 200,000 to be planted this spring.

Your company has embarked on a major replanting project which is the first of its kind in the area. We are proud to be the first private company to make this step in providing future timber harvests, cover for wildlife and water conservation.

200,000 Ponderosa Pine seedlings (three years old) have been ordered from the Oregon State Forestry Department Nursery for planting on approximately 400 acres of Medford Corporation timberlands which were clear-cut many years ago.

The first 100,000 trees will be planted on 200 acres of land adjacent to the Prospect-Butte Falls highway in the vicinity of the old Medco pond.

Ponderosa Pine was selected for the planting as it has proven to be the

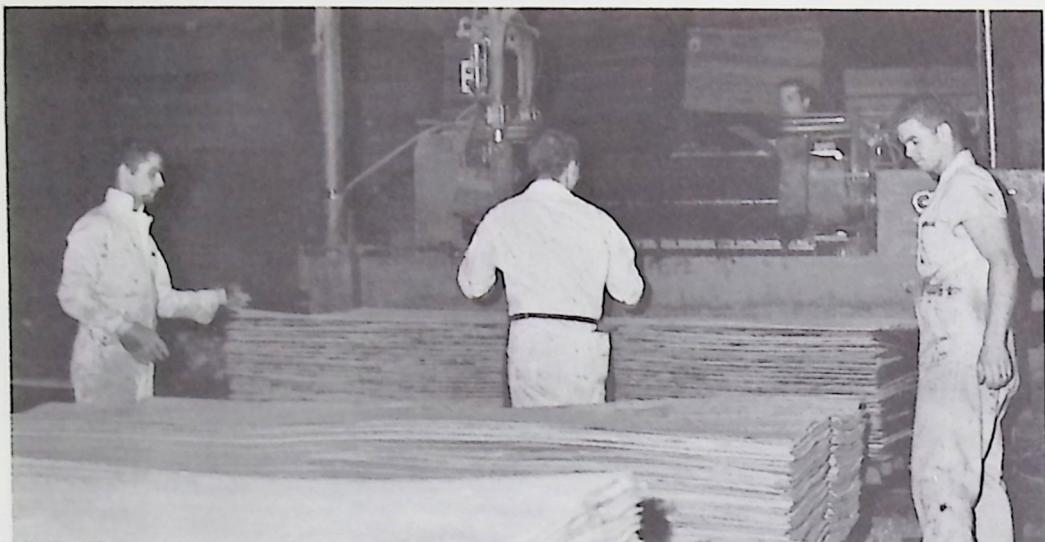
(continued on page 4)

## SPREADERS AND PRESSES



These boys on Spreader No. 1 had just finished shift but stopped long enough for the Editor to shoot their picture before changing clothes

and heading home. They are (L to R) Jerry Lovett, Al Rozzell, Jess Rabjohn and Leonard Hager.



On Spreader No. 2 - Johnny Shute (L), Bob McClearen and Don Loomis (R) in front of the

machine with Stan Read feeding core stock from the opposite side.



Spreader No. 3 had these boys working when the Editor visited the plant. Melvin Underwood (L), Don Thompson (center) and Ray McComb

(R) with Frank Wienecke feeding core back of the spreader.

These operations are some of the most important in the manufacture of plywood. Carelessness in these jobs results in inferior products which eventually reflect on the company and then back to the workmen. This is true in all jobs but probably more so in these particular jobs on the glue spreading and pressing operations.

On the day shift doing the mixing of the glue for use by the spreaders is Paul DeHart. His partner taking over on the swing shift is Henry Waelty. Making uniform pieces from odd pieces of veneer on the clipper is Gordon Atterbury on the swing shift and Gene Rotan on the day shift.

The jitney drivers who keep veneer moving to the four spreader crews are Joe Haugen on days and Dwight Glenn on swing. The job of stock rustler is handled by Joe Davis on the swing shift and C. E. "Tex" Beall takes the day-time duties.

Core layers on the day shift are Alfred Rozzell, Leonard Hager, Donald Loomis, Bob McClearen, George Langlois, Kenneth Stolt, Donald Thompson and Melvin Underwood. On the swing shift this work is done by James Roberts, Glen Elo, Joseph Turley, John Reill, Donald Hirschy and Brant Vollendroff.

You folks who think our jokes are rough

Would quickly change your views;  
If you'd compare the ones we print  
With those we're scared to use.



Feeding core for the spreaders on day shift are Frank Weinecke, Jess Rabjohn, Stan Read and Keith Clogston. Taking over to feed the swing shift spreaders are Gerald McComb, Donald McComb and Irwin Ditch.

Sheet turners for the glue spreaders on the swing shift are Fred Hogue, Donald Gay and James Womack. Doing the same job on the day shift are Ray McComb, Richard France, Jerry Lovett and Johnnie Shute.

The press operators on the day shift are Earl Purinton and Marvin Ayers with Laddie Livingston and Donald Hein as hot press helpers. On the swing shift the hot press helpers are Clifford Gilchrist and Russell Blacksmith with Alex Panorian and Jack Goodwin operating the presses.

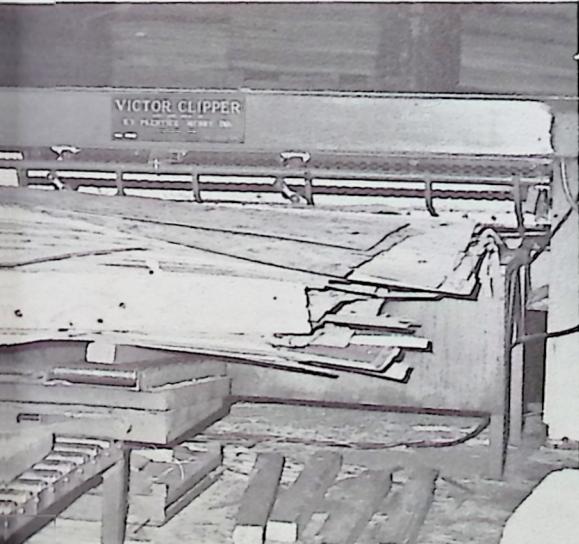
The two jitney drivers who keep completed panels moved away from the presses are Norman Peterson on days and Donald Nelson on swing.

Filling in as utility men on different jobs when the regular man does not show for work or during breaks and also doing other jobs are Charles Richardson and Keith Copinger on the day shift. Rodney Read and Richard Perry take the utility jobs on the swing shift.

—o—

Two loggers were sitting in a bar. "Al," asked one, "after you drink a lot, does your tongue burn?"

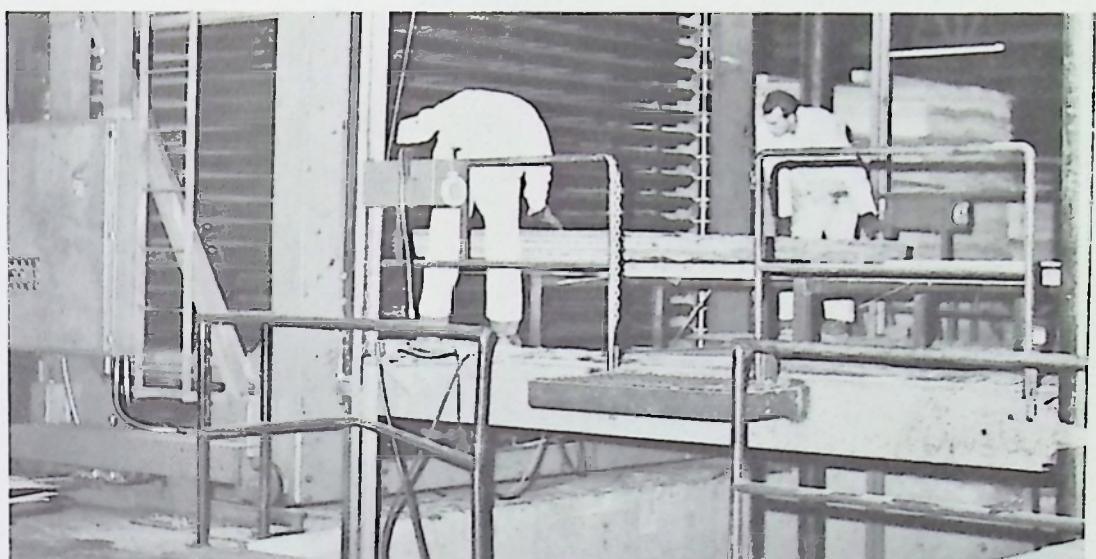
"I don't know, Sam," replied the other. "I've never been drunk enough to light it."



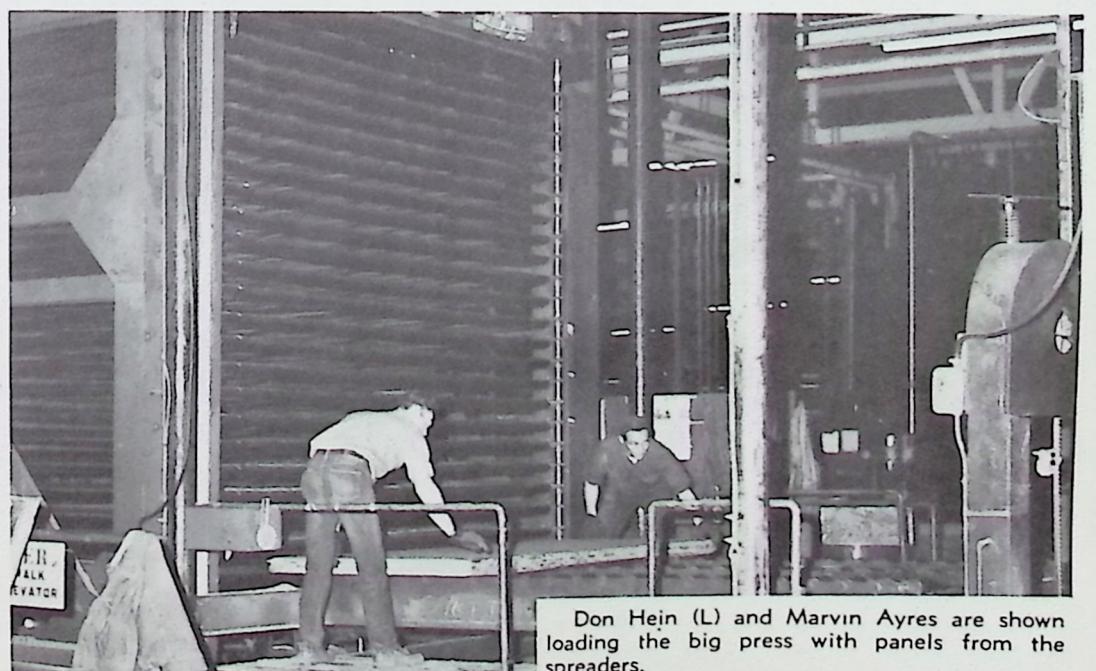
Operating the clipper is Gordon Atterbury. This machine is operated by Gene Rotan on the day shift.



Kenneth Stolt is shown feeding core on Spreader No. 4 with George Langlois catching and laying core. Irwin Ditch and Charles Richardson are passing the sheets.



The small press is being loaded by Earl Purinton (L) and Laddie Livingston (R). After the panels have gone through the press they are unloaded and sent to the Skinner and cut-off saw for sizing.



Don Hein (L) and Marvin Ayres are shown loading the big press with panels from the spreaders.



Don Loomis receives the plaque from Jerry McGrew honoring MEDCO Plywood Plant employees for their third year in supporting the United Crusade Drive. The award was given at a dinner in honor of employee groups who have contributed a part of their pay to help less fortunate through the Medford United Crusade. Attending the dinner from MEDCO were Don Loomis, Bob McClearen, Bud Goff, Elmer Johnson, Walt Craig, Bill Buckingham, Chan Drew and Russ Hogue.

## CREDIT UNION NEWS

Walter Craig, recently elected president of the Credit Union, announced that Larry Johnson has resigned as Secretary-Treasurer because the obligations to his family plus his job made it impossible to keep up with the work load.

Mrs. Wood has taken the job as Secretary-Treasurer. She and her husband came to the Rogue Valley six months ago. Mr. Wood is a Certified Public Accountant and employed by Bear Creek Orchards so we have reason to believe Mrs. Wood will have excellent advice in her job.

Larry Johnson will remain on the board of directors. Ralph Merton who has served loyally as president of the Credit Union for ten years is also on the Board of Directors.

A new procedure instituted this year provides that the president serve one year only and be chosen from the Board of Directors, usually the vice-president stepping into the seat. This will give several members the opportunity to serve and become acquainted with the responsibilities and the operation of the Credit Union.

It's been said that exercise kills germs but the trick is to get them to exercise!

**MEDFORD CORPORATION**  
P. O. Box 552  
Medford, Oregon

First-Class Mail  
U. S. Postage  
**PAID 5c**  
Permit No. 575  
Medford, Oregon

**FIRST CLASS!**

## RETIRED MARCH 1st



Harold "Red" Burton came to the Rogue Valley in 1929 from the dusty state of Kansas. He had worked for the company before but came into the operation in 1942 for uninterrupted service from that date.

When asked what he planned to do, Red said he was going to do a lot of catching up on his fishing and then do just what he wanted to do. He mentioned that he was going to do some gardening and work around his home.

Mrs. Burton has only recently returned home from a stay in the hospital for a serious operation but Red said she is getting along quite well.

Red and his wife Iris make their home at 1020 Ellendale Drive with their two daughters. When asked if he planned to continue living here in the Rogue Valley, Red said he had lived in this same home for 21 years so he might as well stay.

—o—

## NEW DEDUCTION

The order file for babies ran a bit short this month, with only one new arrival announced.

Debra Marie Wolfe is our latest addition. She arrived on February 1st for Arnold and Diane Wolfe and weighed a hefty six pounds and one ounce. She is the first child for this couple. Arnold works in the plywood plant on a belt sander.

## TREE PLANTING

(continued from page 1)  
most adaptable to this area. This species puts down a long tap root to reach moisture and therefore will survive the dry summer seasons better than other species. The three-year-old seedlings are much harder to plant, requiring a deeper hole and more careful handling of the root system. Properly planted however these trees stand a much better chance of survival.

Porcupine is the number one enemy of the tender young trees but cattle and deer also take their toll of the plantings.

This program, coupled with the selective cutting practices and the seeding of 348 acres recently completed plus the 1,000 acres which will be seeded within the next few months is an indication of the intent of your company to continue providing employment and production payrolls for this community.

The planting and seeding is under the guidance of "Red" Thomas who joined the MEDCO staff after many years of service with the U.S. Forest Service where he conducted many experiments. Chief Forester, Howard Mitchell said we were fortunate to be able to secure a man who has so much practical experience in this field. Virgil Conley will be assisting "Red" when other duties permit.